

N.C. Diabetes Advisory Council Members

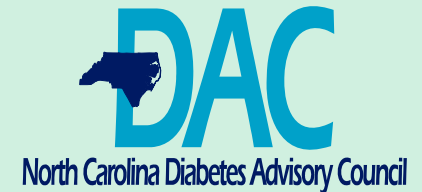
The Diabetes Advisory Council is composed of individuals and organizations that are involved in diabetes care and education. The mission of the DAC is to:

- Provide scientific credibility and public validity for new service priority areas and interventions based on evolving clinical and epidemiological studies and technology.
- Foster interagency collaboration and networking for identification, utilization, and expansion of resources for diabetes control services.
- Participate in developing and disseminating a North Carolina state plan for diabetes control.
- Evaluate present and proposed strategies for the control of diabetes in North Carolina in terms of assessed need, estimated costs, potential benefits and probability of success of each strategy.

This Legislative Action Plan addresses issues surrounding diabetes prevention and control at the local, state and national levels. This document identifies the major issues that are aligned with the Diabetes Prevention and Control Branch (DPCP) workplan, and the policies of the Division of Public Health and the Department of Health and Human Services. Through this plan the DAC will identify and track existing legislation and consider recommendations made by other Task Force groups and or individual members.

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2007–2009 Legislative Recommendations

Prevention

In order to effectively prevent Type 2 Diabetes, the Diabetes Advisory Council (DAC) supports:

- Increasing insurance reimbursement rates for opportunistic screening for diabetes in appropriate healthcare settings
- Increasing the insurance reimbursement rates for obesity prevention and weight loss interventions
- Increasing the awareness of diabetes and its risk factors
- Reducing the cost of healthy eating
- Promoting healthy active living environments
- Implementing *Eat Smart: North Carolina's Recommended Standards For All Foods Available in School* in all schools across North Carolina
- Implementing *Move More: North Carolina's Recommended Standards For Physical Activity in School* in all schools across North Carolina

Management

In order to ensure that people with diabetes are able to manage their condition and reduce complications, the Diabetes Advisory Council supports:

- Requiring Medicare and Medicaid to reimburse Certified Diabetes Educators for diabetes self-management training (DSMT) at appropriate levels
- Empowering and assisting students to manage their diabetes within the school setting. Students with diabetes will have the same opportunities to learn as other students
- Improving access to testing supplies for all people with diabetes
- Maintaining S.L. 1997-225. S.L. 1997-225 assures coverage for diabetes testing supplies and self-management education training for people with diabetes who have private insurance, health or hospital plans that fall under the auspices of the N.C. Insurance Commission. Nationally, there is currently a move to overturn many of these statutes in other states. Assure that the current legislation is not overturned due to the National Associated Health Plan movement.

Assurance

In order to ensure that North Carolina is to remain on the cutting edge of healthcare, the Diabetes Advisory Council supports:

- Appropriating sufficient State funds to the Diabetes Prevention and Control Branch of the Division of Public Health, DHHS, for staffing to perform appropriate levels of clinical and policy monitoring, as well as coordination of on-going training efforts and improved data collection among the affected population.
- Appropriating sufficient state funds through the Diabetes Prevention and Control Branch, DPH, DHHS to local entities (local health departments and community health centers) to coordinate and provide diabetes prevention, management and service assurance functions.

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